

IT'S A Racket!
by CLAUDE STUART HAMMOCK
An expose of the clever schemes that swindle the American people out of millions of dollars yearly.

Wage-Hour Bill Virtually Killed by Vote 216 to 198

House Sends Radical Federal Measure Back to Committee

SOUTH IS JUBILANT

Northern Republicans Throw Votes to Southern Democrats

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The combined house votes of Southern Democrats and Northern Republicans disrupted President Roosevelt's special session program Friday night by sending back to committee the bill to establish minimum wage and maximum hour requirements for interstate industry.

The vote, 216 to 198, brought the career of that battle-scarred measure to an abrupt halt and evoked a triumphant blab, members of which anxiously kept tab of the balloting as it progressed.

Technically, the measure was sent back to the labor committee for such revisions as would bring it in line with the views of the House, but actually there were few who doubted that the bill was dead for many months to come.

Administration leaders, though confident to the last minute of victory in the wage-hour fight, nevertheless made a dramatic appeal against the motion to recommit, made by Representative Hartley (Dem., N. J.) at the request of the Southerners.

Rayburn Pleads for Bill

After receiving a prolonged ovation from the House, Representative Rayburn (Dem., Tex.), the majority leader, said that "a vote for the motion to recommit this bill, if it is recommitment, is the death of the bill."

He asked the membership, "no matter what our personal opinions may be," to pass the measure, send it to a conference of senators and representatives and then "see how you like it when it comes back from conference."

Chairman O'Connor (Dem., N. Y.) of the Rules Committee charged that Republicans were "playing politics" on the bill and said:

"The motion to recommit is a deliberate stab at the bill because I have never seen a bill sent back to committee that ever saw the light of day again."

The House bill would have established a five-man board, an independent agency, to do its own investigating and arrive at its own conclusions, within the same limitations specified by the house measure.

Speaker Bankhead and Majority Leader Rayburn, tears in their eyes, had "nothing to say" about the defeat.

Representative Dies (Dem., Texas) remarked jubilantly, "I told you we'd do it." He had predicted 202 certain votes for recommitment—14 short of the actual total. Representative McNamara (Dem., Tenn.) said he figured on 218 votes.

"I'd like to see a proper bill passed to increase wages and decrease hours," he said. "But this bill was outrageous—about the worst that could have been drawn. I doubt the wisdom of passing any wage-hour bill while business is in its present shape."

Shortly after the House adjourned, Chairman Norton (Dem., N. J.) of the Labor Committee said: "Every man who voted to recommit this bill may count his vote as a vote against the underprivileged and suffering, inarticulate people of this country who are working for starvation wages."

This Soap Collector Has Clean Record

TUECALOOSA, Ala.—(AP)—Elmo Israel, University of Alabama sophomore, says that when he feels "all washed up" he finds consolation in his unusual hobby, one of the "cleanest" on record.

For 10 years Israel has been collecting soap bars. He has hundreds of them, garnered from 20 states, New York, Baltimore, Philadelphia, Atlantic City, St. Louis and Miami are a few of the cities named on the wrappers of soap in this collection.

He is a member of the university band and trips with it are used to swell his collection. Friends who know what he does also help him, he says.

Sled Stops Thief

SOUTH BEND, Ind.—(AP)—A boy coasting down a hill on a sled frightened a man who was attempting to wrest a purse from Mrs. Mary Gluchowski. The would-be thief fled.

A Three-fold Purpose
1. Find all active cases of tuberculosis in every community and treat them; 2. Seek out all persons exposed to tuberculosis and build up their resistance; 3. Educate people in the ways of healthful living. That is the three-fold purpose of the Christmas Seal.

Trains May Use Short Wave Radio

SAN FRANCISCO.—(AP)—The Southern Pacific is asking permission to install two-way short wave radio sets on certain trains in case of severe storms that took down telephone lines, the radio would link trains with dispatching centers.

No. 41. Rishes in Rabbits
Elmer Nylan had seventeen years of service to his credit as bookkeeper for the Mailand Company when it was reorganized. But that seemed to mean nothing to the new management, and Elmer was soon replaced by a younger man.

asked him one evening a few weeks later.

"No, Mary, I've tried every place I know and there isn't a job in sight."

"What are all those papers?" Mary asked. "There must be a dozen pages there, all covered with figures."

"Well, Mary, I've figured it all out. There's big money in it."

"In what?"

"Rabbits!" said Elmer. "Mary looked at him anxiously. 'Now clear,' she said, 'Never mind about rabbits. You've been worrying too much. Just relax now and read your paper.'"

"Why, Elmer, I'm not worrying. I'm planning. You know that more than half of the fur coats you see are made of rabbit skins, dyed to imitate expensive furs."

"Well, suppose they are. We're not in the fur business."

"Maybe we will be! I've got it all figured out. By strutting with a single pair of rabbits, we can make more money in a year than I ever made in ten!"

"Why, Elmer!" said Mary. "That sounds perfectly ridiculous!"

"But it isn't! You've no idea how fast they multiply. Now, starting with one pair, how many do you suppose could be produced in a year?"

"Oh, I don't know," said Mary. "Elmer laughed. 'More like thirty thousand! And I'm not guessing. I have statistics to prove it. The fur is salable, so is the meat. And for breeding stock, we'd get \$10 to \$15 a pair.'"

The whole scheme seemed visionary to Mary, but she asked: "Where would you get the first pair?"

"I answered an ad in a magazine and they sent me full particulars. They'll send me a pair of the finest stock for \$18 or three pairs for \$50."

Mary shook her head. "No, Elmer, we haven't any money to spend that way while you're not working. Better forget about it."

And there the matter rested for a few weeks. During that time, Elmer received several letters urging him to start on this new road to wealth. Finally one came, containing a check for \$342.50.

"That's queer," said Elmer. "This check is made out to another man and the letter is addressed to him. They've just put them in the wrong envelope by mistake."

The next mail brought another letter apologizing for the mistake and asking that the check and the letter be returned.

"But, Mary," said Elmer, "that check proves that people are making money with rabbits! We ought to get started right away!"

The check had convinced Mary, too, and she agreed. In order to make up for lost time, they bought not one pair, but three, at the special price of \$50.

In due time the rabbits came. Although three died within a few days, the others seemed to do well. About two months later a litter of eight appeared. Thereafter, the Nylans' interest centered on rabbits.

The advertisement had stated that no experience was necessary to carry on the project successfully. But that proved a serious overstatement. The rabbits multiplied rapidly. But for various reasons, most of them unknown to the Nylans, the mortality rate was enormous and the birth rate.

After several months of work, worry and expense, the results were so discouraging that the whole scheme was abandoned.

"I don't know why it is, Mary," said Elmer, "we just don't seem to have any luck with rabbits. But other people make money with them—remember the check we saw?"

But sending that check "by mistake" was just a clever scheme to clinch the sale, when all other arguments had failed.

Alcatraz Prison Fails to Find Two

Believe Convicts Drowned, But Technically They Escaped

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif.—(AP)—Two desperadoes who vanished Thursday from reputedly "escape proof" Alcatraz Island, were believed Friday night by Warden James A. Johnston to have "escaped" only in death. The warden conceded there was a "possibility" that the Oklahoma convicts, Ralph Roe, 29, and Theodore Cole, 25, were still hiding on the 12-acre rock in San Francisco bay. But the probabilities, he said, were that they perished in the treacherous tides while attempting to swim the mile and a quarter distance to the mainland.

"I doubt if even the most powerful swimmer could have survived those currents," he said. "And neither of the prisoners was physically powerful. Even if they once had good swimmers they were out of practice."

Coast Guard and police boats cruised the bay seeking traces of the men. Heavy police detachments patrolled all possible landing places on the mainland.

Warden Johnston said Roe and Cole would be listed as "escapes" if they did not eventually appear, dead or alive.

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Japan Is Bolder; May Delay Reply to American Note

Tokyo Alters Position on Receipt of Machine-Gun Note

DENY FIRING GUNS

But United States Presses Strongly Panay Crew Charges

By the Associated Press

Japan's foreign office disclosed Saturday that the United States had made further representations against the Japanese air attack which sank the American gunboat Panay and destroyed three river steamers on the Yangtze last Sunday, December 12.

The new note delivered to the foreign office in Tokyo by Ambassador Joseph C. Grew was understood to protest strongly against the reported machine-gunning of the Panay's survivors, and the boarding of the sinking gunboat by Japanese troops.

Japanese Grow Bolder

TOKYO, Japan.—(AP)—A Foreign Office spokesman said Saturday that Japan's reply to the United States' note demanding full redress for the sinking of the gunboat Panay would be delayed by American charges that Japanese surface craft machine-gunned the Panay after she was bombed.

"This is the most serious type of charge to make," the spokesman declared. "Justice to both sides demands a full investigation, and a thorough inquiry can not be made in a minute."

Naval officers cited testimony by a Japanese army surgeon who treated Panay wounded in an effort to disprove the charge of machine-gunning by surface craft. This doctor, described as one of several who treated eight foreigners and 13 Chinese, asserted that none was wounded by bullets. All injuries he saw were from bomb fragments or wooden splinters, it was alleged.

Officials Grow Bolder

The Tokyo government was silent concerning official information from Washington on machine-gunning of the Panay. The public was kept in ignorance of the machine-gunning report. Newspapers did not print it. They featured dispatches asserting that indignation over the Panay affair was subsiding in the United States.

High officials said they were confident the affair would be settled smoothly, but it was noted that as dispatches reported a cooling off of American public sentiment, Tokyo officials were less positive in their assurances that Washington's demands for amends would be met in entirety.

The Foreign Office spokesman Friday even said "it is not yet decided" whether Japan would reply to the note delivered Tuesday by Ambassador Joseph C. Grew.

No Publicity on Salute

The Japanese public has not been informed of the Navy Ministry's announcement that Japanese blue-jackets would render a formal salute to the Panay's dead. Officials would not comment on this silence.

Attitude of the Japanese masses nevertheless continued one of anxiety to make full amends to the United States. Contributions to various funds to make redress for the affair continued to pour in. More than 1,000 persons, from the rank and file of the nation, were shown to have made offers of money or other salutes.

The Foreign Office said it was unable to say whether Rear Admiral Mitsumasa, chief of naval air forces in China, had been recalled from China "for punishment or not."

The complete opening of a rice flower has been known to take place in 30 seconds. The bloom lasts from two to three hours.

Ministers Plead for Peace as Christ's Birthday Draws Near

Hope Ministerial Alliance Endorses President's Peace Policy, and Deplores Work of Military Machines

By Hope Ministerial Alliance

In view of the song of the angels, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace . . .," as it comes to a war-torn world at this season, the Ministerial Alliance of Hope feels that a statement might well be made for the consideration of our people.

The undeclared war in China, the bloody revolution in Spain, and armed conflicts in other parts of the world cause Christian people to re-examine the significance of the announcement of the angels at the birth of Jesus.

While we cannot be sure that there will ever be universal peace on earth before Christ comes again, we feel sure that it is the duty of Christian people to strive for international good will.

We sanction the peace policy announced by our president, approve of neutrality legislation insofar as this is motivated by high idealism, and urge our people to pray for and work for disarmament of mind and heart, refusing to be stirred to unwarranted hatred and suspicion of possible political and economic enemies.

We deplore efforts of certain military men to create a war machine in America similar to that which led the

36 Radical Union Coal Miners Are Convicted by U.S.

"Progressives" Guilty of Train-Wrecking in Illinois

ATTACKED RIVALS

Sought to Replace United Miners' Members in Coal Jobs

By the Associated Press

SPRINGFIELD, Ill.—(AP)—Thirty-six defendants, most of them affiliated with the Progressive Miners of America union, were convicted Saturday by a federal court jury of conspiracy to bomb Illinois coal field trains.

All were found guilty on three counts.

The trial lasted five weeks. Several Progressive officials were among the miners convicted of conspiracy to dynamite trains, obstructing the mails, and interfering with commerce.

The defendants were charged with dynamiting trains hauling coal from mines operated by members of a rival union, the United Mine Workers of America, in an effort to force the employment of Progressives.

Year-Round Sport Program Planned

Arkansas Athletic Conference Would Include Baseball

LITTLE ROCK, Ark.—(AP)—Development of a 12-month sports program that will include a summer baseball season was announced Friday by President T. H. Alford as an objective of the Arkansas high school athletic conference.

"In the future we hope that a year-round program of sports, including baseball, softball, tennis, volleyball, group swimming and any number of others can be carried on during the time that school is closed," Alford said in response to an inquiry from a Hope high school student.

The conference completed this fall its first football season and will launch its initial basketball season next month. Composed of 15 of the state's larger high schools, its membership list was opened recently to all other schools who can meet its standards and win election to the ranks.

North Little Rock high school, of which Alford is superintendent, will be the first to begin the 12-month program. The president said Coach Robert A. Cowan had been employed on a year-round basis and would carry on baseball, golf, tennis and softball next summer.

"There is nothing contrary to such competition under the Arkansas High School Conference rules," Alford said. The conference competition provides now for awarding championships only in football and basketball but the president said there was a possibility of other sports being added from time to time.

"The coaches and principals of the 15 high schools of which the conference is composed are trying to solve the problem of developing healthful boys," he commented. "This, of course, is a year-round problem."

LaFayette Treasurer Succumbs to Pneumonia

LEWISVILLE, Ark.—An attack of pneumonia proved fatal at his home here Friday for Burg Whitehead, 33, treasurer of LaFayette county.

Surviving are his widow, two children, his parents, three brothers and a sister.

Industrial disputes during the fiscal year 1936-37 resulted in the loss of approximately 26 million man-days.

Cotton

NEW ORLEANS.—(AP)—January cotton opened Saturday at 8.24 and closed at 8.23 bid, 8.25 asked.

Spot cotton closed two points lower, middling 8.33.

CRANIUM CRACKERS

1. Over what river is the Brooklyn Bridge?

2. What is "pidgin English"?

3. Following are the nicknames of several states. Can you identify them? "Cracker," "Hoosier," "Slow Mo," "Bonanza," "Sooner," and "Old Dominion."

4. What is a tetrahedron?

5. It is true that there were two writers who took the pseudonym of "Mark Twain"?

Answers on Classified Page



Victims of the "red circle" murders near Queens, N. Y.

New Ironers Here for Hope Laundry

New Equipment Costing \$1,600 Installed Saturday by Fred Cook

Fred Cook, who recently bought Hope Steam Laundry and began a renovation of plant and organization, announced Saturday he was installing three new shirt-ironing units whose combined cost is \$1,600.

The machinery was purchased by Mr. Cook immediately after coming here from Tennessee and taking over the Hope Laundry. The three units arrived Saturday and are being installed.

One machine is a double-sleever; the second irons cuffs and collars; and the third is a shirt-bosom-press.

All three machines are manufactured by the Pan-Tex company, Pawtucket, R. I., and are the latest models in the laundry trade.

Power Rates Reduced in Two Arkansas Towns

LITTLE ROCK.—(AP)—Two North Arkansas towns, Melbourne and Marshall, will receive electric power rate reductions under a plant exchange approved Friday by the state utilities commission.

The commission authorized H. W. Wright, Calico Rock, to transfer his Melbourne plant to the Arkansas Power and Light company in exchange for the utility's plant at Leslie.

The power company announced it would reduce rates at Melbourne in an amount to be determined later and would spend \$7,897 building a rural electrification line from a point a mile northwest of Stella, Independence county, to Melbourne, 7.5 miles. The rural line would serve 30 customers not now receiving current.

Wright said he would build 7.5 mile line linking the Leslie plant with his plant at Marshall and would reduce Marshall rates. He said under the arrangement, Leslie and Marshall also would receive 24-hour instead of the present 18-hour service.

Fate of Vanished Flyers

Two of the greatest mysteries of the year had no connection with crime.

Vanished literally into thin air during 1937 were two great flyers, Amelia Earhart and Sigismund Levanewsky.

Miss Earhart and her navigator, Frederick J. Noonan, vanished near Howland Island in the Pacific on August 13 in the course of a round-the-world flight. A frantic naval search failed to reveal a clue.

Levanewsky and five companions, hopping over the North Pole on a Moscow-California flight, disappeared north of Alaska, and were not heard from again.

son of Tacoma. A crudely-printed note demanding \$25,000 in ransom was left on the floor amid the debris of the smashed door.

Despite a widespread search by G-men and police, despite the arrest and questioning of literally thousands of suspects, despite the all-too-clear evidence of his ultimate fate, the story of what intervened between his kidnapping and his death remains an unreadable page in the story of 1937.

Where Is Ross Today?

Even more completely shrouded in mystery is the strange kidnapping of Charles E. Ross, who was stopped by two armed men while driving along a Chicago suburban road with a former secretary. Ross, 72, had recently sold an interest in a greeting-card concern, and was discussing details incident to the sale with the former employee. The armed men, after robbing the woman, drove off with Ross.

Despite a frantic search, and despite the fact that Mrs. Ross raised and paid over \$50,000 in ransom, Ross was never heard of again. Lacking the slightest shadow of motive, police were forced to conclude that the armed men merely intended robbery, and suddenly decided on kidnapping when it became clear that their victim was a man of some wealth.

But where is Ross today? Is he alive or dead? The closing pages of 1937 are

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U.S. Naval Inquiry on Japs' Attack Opens at Shanghai

American Authorities Sift Facts in Sinking of Gunboat

TO BE QUICK PROBE

Meanwhile, Next Japanese Offensive in China Is Uncertain

SHANGHAI, China.—(AP)—An official United States naval court of inquiry rushed an unvarnished, factual investigation Saturday of last Sunday's Japanese airplane attack on American shipping in the Yangtze river.

The naval court hoped to complete its investigation before the United States cruiser Augusta, flagship of Admiral Harry E. Yarnell, commander of the United States fleet in Chinese waters, sails for Manila Sunday.

The direction of Japan's next offensive in China was clouded in doubt. The Japanese already have spearheaded to the north, west and southwest of Nanking, conquered China's capital, and were believed threatening to dominate other Chinese cities.

Rome Relieved of New Flood Threat

Tiber River, Swollen by Week of Rain, Now Is Subsidizing

ROME, Italy.—(AP)—Fair weather after a week of almost continuous rain Saturday promised Rome and the Tiber river valley release from disastrous floods.

The river dropped slowly and officials considered the danger of a further rise was past.

Damage was believed to total 3 to 4 million dollars. Thousands had been driven from their homes by the Tiber's flood waters.

Spring Hill Community Donates to Red Cross

Spring Hill community Saturday reported its Red Cross contribution amounting to a total of \$28.77. This figure is above the quota for the Spring Hill section.

The contributions:

Erbert Collins \$1.00
Ralph Smith 1.00
Frank J. Hill 1.00
Hugh Garner 1.00
Ezra McDowell 1.00
Monroe Martin .25
Lewis C. Yocom .25
Clyde Martin .50
L. F. Foster .25
W. S. McDowell .50
E. W. Osmett 1.00
Roy Butler 3.27
Primrose School 1.00
Mrs. Ben Wilson 1.00
Elbert O'Steen 1.00
Aloise Sharp 1.00
Mrs. Hazel Burnett 1.00
J. E. Busbee 1.00
Dudley Hucksabee 1.00
Gladys Johnson 1.00
Cash 1.75
Total \$28.77

An average of 140,000,000 persons throughout the world attended motion picture theaters in the course of a week.

Farm Bill Passes Senate 59 to 29

Goes to Conference for Adjustment With House's Bill

passed the administration's ever-normal granary farm bill Friday night, 59 to 29. Passage came after four weeks of wrangling.

The bill, together with a farm measure passed by the house, now goes to a conference committee of senators and representatives for adjustment of differences. Because of many differences, it has been assumed generally that the conference committee will be unable to reach an agreement prior to the end of the special session, scheduled December 22.

Secretary Wallace predicted Thursday that the conference committee could formulate a measure which would be stronger than either the house or the senate bills.

The latter provides varying controls on production and marketing of major crops, benefits for growers co-operating with the legislation, and storage of surplus production under government loans for use in years of lean harvests.

The senate first refused to substitute a "cost of production" farm bill by Senator McAdoo (Dem., Cal.) for the administration's "ever-normal granary" legislation. It rejected the proposal of the former secretary of the Treasury 46 to 40. McAdoo's proposal would have required the secretary of agriculture to ascertain the cost of producing any crop in which there was a surplus problem, and to fix a minimum price at which it could be sold on the domestic market.

Secretary Wallace recently had issued a warning against farm price-fixing proposals, contending they would lead to regimentation and Fascism.

The senate then voted, 57 to 29, against a motion to send the granary bill back to its agriculture committee.

Earlier the senate had voted to establish four regional research laboratories to find new uses for farm products. It approved an amendment by Senator Bibb (Dem., Miss.) and thus authorized \$2,000,000 for the laboratories in their first year and \$1,000,000 annually thereafter.

A Thought

Give what you have. To some it may be better than to dare to think.—Longfellow.

CHRISTMAS SUPERSTITIONS

Bohemian girls place a bowl of water outside to freeze on Christmas Eve, believing the pattern the ice makes will determine the occupation of their future husbands.

5 Shopping Days Till Christmas

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Now Is Time for U. S. War or Peace Choice

IT IS hard to read those news stories about the encounter of the American marines and the Japanese army in Shanghai without feeling just about as a motorist feels when, driving around a curve, he meets some fool speeder coming at 60 miles an hour on the wrong side of the road, and misses a fatal smashup by a fraction of a second and a fifth of an inch.

For while the even tenor of Japanese-American relations seems to remain unbroken, there was a terrific amount of dynamite packed into that tense half hour at the Shanghai barricades. Nothing much actually happened, but some pretty frightening things vary easily might have happened.

THE Japanese troops, as you may recall, had gone filtering through the city to take control of a big part of the International Settlement. They were more or less on their muscle; they had captured Shanghai, they were a tough, victorious army, and they didn't care if the whole world knew it.

So by and by they took over a bit of land either in or immediately adjacent to the American defense sector. Presently two marine officers came up and tried to crash the Japanese picket lines. They were met with leveled bayonets and some hot words, but they finally got through to the Japanese commander.

While these doughty marines were telling the Japanese to move on, other incidents were taking place up and down the city four enlisted men of the marine corps were threatened by Japanese officers with drawn pistols. An American citizen was beaten up by Japanese soldiers. A truck load of British soldiers was menaced by the victorious troopers.

Somehow it all came out all right. The Japanese moved back from the disputed sector, there were a certain number of apologies and explanations, and everything was smoothed over. But for about half an hour a disastrously bad accident was all reared up on its hind legs waiting to happen.

Since it didn't happen, we have leisure to try to figure out what we would have done if it had happened.

WHAT sort of stake have we in China, anyway? Just how important is it to us, as a nation, to keep a specified dozen blocks of Shanghai out of Japanese control? What are we protecting out there? What do we do if our marines and the Japanese troops are actually thrown together in a pitched battle one of these days?

We might as well figure out the answers at our leisure, because we may have to give the answers in a terrible hurry, some day soon. And when we give them we shall be deciding irrevocably between war and peace.

It is folly to say that we can't possibly be entangled in the war in China. We can very easily; a little bad luck the other day might have done it. The time for us to decide definitely what we are going to do there is now, before some incalculable incident compels us to make up our minds between breakfast and dinner.

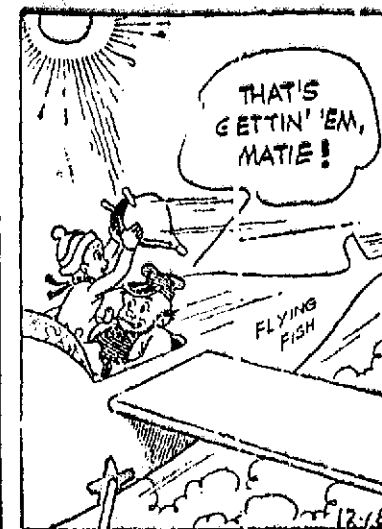
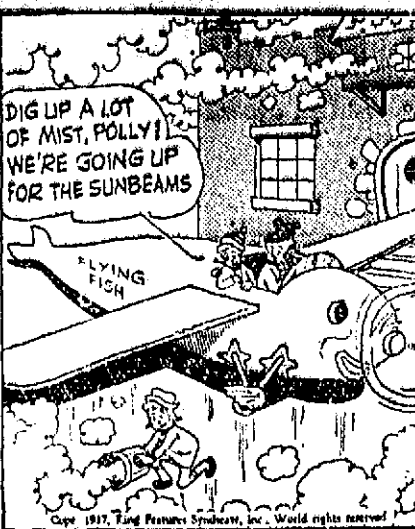
Air Martyrs

THE pre-eminent feature that makes the airplane a valued means of transportation is the airplane's great speed—so very much greater than any speed which can be maintained by a means of transportation which is earth-bound. But the price of this speed, unfortunately, seems to be a tragic toll in human lives.

The fliers to pay that toll most recently were Rudy Kling and Frank Haines, two of the country's leading air race pilots, who crashed to their deaths in the opening race of the Miami Air Show.

Such tragedies seem an inescapable part of the air racing game; and the air racing game, in turn, seems to be absolutely essential to the development of higher airplane speeds—which in turn, are essential to the continued development of aviation. It is a tragic situation, from which there is no obvious escape. Apparently we must, every so often, sacrifice one or more fine young men in order that the miracle of human flight may make the necessary progress.

SANTA CLAUS AND COMPANY



Your Children

By Olive Roberts Barton

Who Shall Give Presents to Child, Your Or Santa?

Last year I gave little Lowrie a sled long enough to carry a man. I also gave him other things such as a book and a few ten-cent dog-funnies that helped to make Christmas. To Decie I gave a doll-bed and incidentally it took me long evenings to knit covers and make sheets and blankets. Tiny Mary, likewise, she had her big doll and all the trimmings. Now that I

think of it, there was a doll buggy for both, including the dolls. They are my grandchildren, and all were under five. Christmas was at our house, as I hope it will be this year also.

Santa Gets Credit

On Christmas morning, after the first shock of joy was spent, Lowrie said to me, "What did you give me, Olive?"

I said, "The book dear." And he thanked me gravely. The others did not ask.

I thought, "What a piker my darling grandson must think me. Santa could be generous, but 'Olive' could only think of a book." I wanted to say, "Oh, you precious, I gave you this and this and this." But not for worlds would I have him think that Santa had failed to fulfill his request made weeks ahead, for a fine big sled. He doesn't know yet, he will never know that I got him the best sled I could find, tied the ropes on and hid it in the attic for days.

He was very proud of his book and made me read stories from it. He is so very polite and sweet. And perhaps after all, the book was as necessary to his happiness as his sled. I do

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Paul Harrison in Hollywood

Dempsey's Nose, Film Comic's Scalp Just Couldn't Take It

HOLLYWOOD.—All over the lot, Connelan Edger Kennedy is bald, and he's going to stay that way. During his first day on the set of a Universal mystery flicker, "The Black Doll," a toupee is suggested. Kennedy says no. Then he reminisces:

"I wore my last dome daily back in 1925. Jack Dempsey was champion, and we were making some shorts here at this studio. I was just as bald then as I am now, and they figured a wig or had to have hair. So they glued a wig on me.

"That was when Dempsey first had his busted schmoze fixed. They built up the bridge by pumping it full of wax or putty or something. Anyway, he was pretty proud of it. Boxing in the picture, he began to belt the side of my head with his thumb. Every time he'd catch the edge of my wig, which was glued tight, it would rip some skin off my scalp. It hurt.

"I got mad and went after his phoney nose. I'd yell when he'd peel my scalp and he'd bawl whenever I reached his nose, which was spreading all over his face. After that scene my head looked like a smashed crate of tomatoes, and I've stayed bald ever since."

Versatile Directing

Norman Taurag is directing Deanna Durbin and a lot of other youngsters in the new picture, "Mad About Music." By this time, Taurag is typed as an expert in child-actor psychology and producers bid for him when

not know. But anyway, he gave me credit for my kindness.

This year he is six. Perhaps his mother has revealed the truth about Santa Claus. He may know that all presents come from the family purse and the glamorous toy department. But I am planning on another surprise. I shall again tell him that Santa brought it, that is, if he has not discovered the truth. My own case does not matter, but I believe that other mothers are put to it about this problem of telling children when friends or relatives deserve credit for their gifts.

Christmas For All

When Aunt Molly takes weeks to dress a doll, or Grandma spends dollars on a bicycle or electric train, is there not something very valuable to be remembered and appreciated? A child takes as much pride in presents from loved ones, as in his booty from Santa Claus.

Lowrie's mother wanted to tell him that I gave him the sled. It was my idea not to tell him. But there are many presents that come from friends and relatives for children that should be labeled with the truth. The child knows that people shop before Christmas, that they buy presents for each other. Why should he not be told that others go to a lot of trouble for him?

"This came from Mrs. Jones, dear. And this from Aunt Molly. You see, Christmas is not all Santa Claus, but other people, as well." The child can appreciate this. Maybe I am wrong, but I think Lowrie would prefer knowing that I like him as well as his friend Santa Claus does.

"Oh, have a heart," Barry objected as Linda got up trembling. "I've seen hard-boiled marines turn green at sight of blood. We aren't all born to be top sergeants like you, you know."

"GET my first-aid kit, Jefferson," Mrs. Trent calmly directed as the old man appeared in answer to the bell, "and have Cicely bring some ice and a basin. And," finished the old lady, sweeping with her eyes the galaxy of indomitable Trent portraits that lined the walls, "if the women of this house had let their feelings get the better of them every time a crisis arose, you—Barrymore Trent—might not be here at this moment—nor, in all probability, the house, itself."

Cicely appeared, and old Miranda directed briskly, "Hold that basin here, Cicely. . . . Hold it! I said, not wave it! . . . And Miss Benton," she added as Linda hesitated in the background, "if you must shake like a forest in a storm, please go elsewhere to do it."

Linda retreated with what dignity her shaking legs lent her. As she clung to the banisters in the hall outside, she heard Barry's voice in quick protest, and heard his grandmother snap, "Fiddlesticks! She'll be all right in a few minutes. So will this scratch of yours. . . . And that's more than I can say for my Ming jar."

No, thought Linda, by no standards could she ever measure up to the tradition of the Trent gentlemen. . . . And did not dream how soon and how bitterly she was to be put to the test.

(To Be Continued)



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CAST OF CHARACTERS
LINDA BENTON—Heroine, daughter of a famous singer.
CAPT. BARRYMORE TRENT—Hero, flying "daredevil."
MIRANDA TRENT—Barrymore's grandmother; a "strong woman."

Yesterday, Linda and Captain Trent began to find a place for each other in their lives. Little did they know, however, of the heartbreak that lay ahead.

CHAPTER III

BARRY had not yet returned from bidding his friend, Lieutenant Rust, "Good luck" at the airport when Linda came in after mailing Mrs. Trent's Christmas cards next day.

It was not until she was preparing, a little forlornly, to go downstairs after dinner for a long evening alone with old Miranda that she heard the front door bang, and then a lusty baritone lifted in joyful, if not too tuneful, song.

As if by magic, the old house again came young art alive and friendly.

When Linda went downstairs to the drawing room, Mrs. Trent was not in her customary seat. Only Captain Trent was in the room, wandering about, picking up things aimlessly and putting them down again. At sound of the opening of the door he wheeled.

"The Duchess has run out on us," he explained, his eyes half laughing, half caressing, on her startled ones. "Come to spend the evening with a sick friend."

"Oh!" said Linda a little breathlessly. "Then I guess I'd better go and finish wrapping up her parcels."

But he was between her and the door, his eyes laughing down into hers.

"Oh, I say!" he protested. "You're not going to leave me high and dry, too, are you? At least you might read me a bedtime story. Reading aloud's your job, isn't it?"

"But after all," Linda said, laughing at his air of a wheedling schoolboy, "there's nothing in my contract with your grandmother about entertaining visiting celebrities."

"Bring the parcels down and we'll have them done in no time. . . . Aw, don't be so tight with yourself, Titania," he coaxed. "How are we ever going to get acquainted if you keep yourself shut up behind a barred-wire entanglement? Honest it's God-awful lonesome down here."

SUDDENLY Linda remembered how very lonely it would be upstairs, too. She hurried up and brought down the parcels.

"You may help me wrap these," she said, "but first your grandmother does want the antiques in that cabinet in the dining room dusted and rearranged before Christmas. You may come and watch me do those if you'll promise not to touch them."

"But never in all my days!" Barry seemed inexplicably pleased. "I have known her to let anyone touch those sacred relics except herself and my own mother."

"Why, it was quite natural," Linda wished that he wouldn't hover there quite so close behind her. It made her fingers unsteady. "One day when her hands were bad with rheumatism, she showed me what she wanted done, and I've done it ever since."

"Of course it was your hands that did the trick with Grandmother," Barry was saying as they returned to the living room to wrap Christmas presents. "Did anyone ever tell you, Titania, that your hands are like soft white flowers?"

Only much lovelier, because they're so much more alive.

When you look at them, you can't help wondering if they can be as warm and sweet and tender as they look. . . . How they would feel if one held

them—like this, I mean—"

He took one of her small hands in his and pressed it against the lean, smooth, hard surface of his cheek

AMUSEMENTS -- WHERE TO GO

'Merry-Go-Round' Last Musical '37

At Saenger Tuesday-Wednesday-Dr. Quizzer Again Wednesday

Besides "Stella Dallas" showing Sunday and Monday at the Saenger and "Daughter of Shanghai" at the Rialto for Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, the remainder of next week's highlights will be something on this order:

For Tuesday and Wednesday at the Saenger will be the last big musical of the year, "Merry-Go-Round of 1938" featuring such stars and players as follows: Bert Lahr, Jimmy Savo, Billy House, Alice Brady, Louise Fazenda, Mischa Auer and 200 gorgeous girls. Wednesday night old "Dr. Quizzer" will again ask questions. As an extra added attraction, 30 minutes of football highlights will be shown, thrilling plays from the years 20 big games. This feature will show both days.

For Thursday and Friday comes Edward G. Robinson in "The Last Gangster" and from all reports its mighty fine screen fare as Robinson can always be depended upon to put over "what it takes."

For Wednesday and Thursday at the Rialto comes lovely Claire Trevor in her latest offering, "Big Town Girl." Miss Trevor is supported by Donald Woods and Alan Dinehart. Friday and Saturday is the usual double headed program.

Airplane Flights Frost PAITOKEE, Fla. — (P) — Airplanes have been used for some time to dust crops with powder to kill bugs but an aviator in this section and another near Ocala recently flew low over potatoes in an effort to keep down frost damage. There was a difference of opinion about the effectiveness of this method of crop protection.

Like the moving pictures, the average program of the broadcaster is addressed to an intelligence possessed by a child of 12.—Federal Communications Commissioner George Payne.

NEW THEATRE
TODAY ONLY—SATURDAY
GENE AUTRY
—in—
"Spring Time in the Rockies"
Our Gang—Cartoon—Serial

SUNDAY-MONDAY
MICKEY ROONEY
—in—
"THE HOOSIER SCHOOLBOY"
Comedy—Latest News

TUESDAY-WEDNESDAY
Double Feature
"NAVY BLUES"
Also
"DANGEROUS HOLIDAY"

Santa Claus Is Coming in Person
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21.
TRAIN No 7 at 1:41
MISSOURI PACIFIC

Free Tickets to Children to 12 years Tuesday Matinee.

THURSDAY-FRIDAY
Freddie Bartholomew
—in—
"Little Lord Fauntleroy"

XMAS DAY—SAT.
BOB STEELE
—in—
"COLORADO KID"

'Daughter of Shanghai' at Rialto



Two famous Chinese actors head the cast of "Daughter of Shanghai," the story based on the alien smuggling racket which opens Sunday at the Rialto theater. They are Philip Ahn and ex-wife Anna May Wong, the latter returning to the screen after a three year sojourn on the stage.

Society

MRS. SID HENRY TELEPHONE 321

And now once more the holidays are here—
The silvery, shimmering season, when the glow of heaven is powdered Star-wise on the snow;
When men and women live again the dear, quaint raptures, tinsel-lung, of yesterday;
When children follow with unquestioning faith
The crimson boot heels of a jovial writhing;
When wishes turn by magic into truths—Selected.

Mrs. Marie McCorkle left Saturday for a holiday visit with her daughter, Mrs. Ridley in Santa Anna, Calif.

Mrs. Irma Deane of the commercial department, Hope High School, left Saturday for a few days visit with her daughter, Miss Gwendolyn in Conway. Mrs. Deane and daughter will leave Wednesday for a holiday visit with relatives in Memphis, Tenn and Iuka, Miss.

Miss Martha Ann Singleton of Baylor University, Waco, Texas, will arrive Saturday for a holiday visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Polk Singleton and other home folks.

Mrs. Joe Bond of Warren and Miss Ruth Walter of Chicago were Friday guests of relatives and friends in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Haynes announce the arrival of a little son—James Henry, on Friday, December 17, at the Josephine hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Carter Johnson entertained at a most delightful dance Friday evening honoring John Barrow Jr., of Ozark, who is in the Johnson home for the present school term. Christmas was the keynote of the beautiful decorations both inside and outside the house, where floodlights revealed the unusually attractive designs. Refreshments were served from a beautifully decorated table centered with nandinas surrounded with greenery. Attractive programs were

distributed among the dancers. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson were assisted in caring for their guests, by Mrs. Barrow and Mrs. Kate Holland. Sharing this delightful hospitality with the guest of honor were Miss Patricia Thomas, Mary Cornelia Holloway and Mitchell Williams, Mary Ann Life and Robert Singleton, Janet Lemley and R. W. Muldroy, Jr. Sara Ann Holland and Homer Lavender, Margaret Sims and Thos. Quimby, Mary Wilson and Jack Hendricks, Frances Yocom and Thomas Franks, Audrey McAdams and Edward Lester, Marion Smith and Frederick Taylor, Martha Houston and Dorsey Fuller, Mary Evelyn Whitworth and Arthur Barr, Eudora Hatcher and Wallace Van Sickle, Lucille Ruggles and Leroy Murphy, Nancy Robins and Wilton Jewell, Margaret Moses and Bill Tom Bundy and Henry Taylor.

Misses Lena May Robinson and Nell Williams of State Teachers college, Conway arrived Friday to spend the Christmas season with home folks.

Mrs. R. M. LaGrone Sr. and Little Miss Barbara LaGrone and Master Mitchell LaGrone were Saturday visitors in Texarkana.

Morning services: Sunday school at 9:45. Preaching at 11. Subject: "Charge That to My Account."
Evening services: B. Y. P. T. C. meets at 6:30. Preaching at 7:30. Subject: "And He Went A Little Further."
Interest in the various activities of the church seem to be increasing; there was a large crowd at prayer meeting Wednesday night, and after enjoying a good spiritual feast or service, the crowd marched across the street to the pastors home and gave him and his wife a good pounding, making them very happy.

The ladies of the church enjoyed a good meeting Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Clifton Booth.
"Be square all week and come 'round on Sunday." Yes, we want you in our services.

HOPE GOSPEL TABERNACLE
Rev. Bert Webb, Pastor
Sunday school at 9:45.
Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.
The pastor will speak at both services.
Young People's and Children's Church at 6:30 p. m. Special musical and singing throughout the day.
A singing will be held at 2:30 p. m. Sunday at the tabernacle building.

The authorized strength of the U. S. army is 165,000 enlisted men, 6,415 Philippine scouts and 12,374 officers.

Seven hundred Texans defeated 5,000 Mexican soldiers in 18 minutes at the battle of San Jacinto in 1836.

Too Late to Classify
LOST — Cotton ticket Number 109886 Weight 372. Reward for return to Bud Porterfield or A. L. Duffie, Hope Rt. 1.

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Specialty Shop

Chinese compose three-fourths of the population of the Japanese owned island of Formosa.

Chile's nitrate fields give employment in normal times to about 40,000 men.

Wars Started by Bombing of Ships

Panay Incident Recalls the Sinking of Lusitania and Others

By PRESTON GROVER
WASHINGTON—Maybe it is the spirit of Christmas, or Senator Nye's don't-fight-at-any-price campaign, has taken effect, but at any rate the country somehow forgot to about: "Remember the Panay."

Twenty years ago we shouted: "Remember the Lusitania." Ships, shell and soldiers were sent to France.

Forty years ago we shouted: "Remember the Maine. Ships, shell and soldiers were sent to Cuba.

The gunboat Panay, bombed by Japanese planes, sank in the mud soup of the Yangtze. Yet the quantity of war spirit generated could have been carried in a big flask. In Washington it was treated as a serious incident. The state department and the Japanese embassy and the British embassy played the role of diplomats concerned with a serious incident.

But there was not the slightest note of train in the negotiations. All sides seemed to feel they knew how it was coming out—in a general way—almost before the Yangtze had begun to slither over the sunken Panay. There would be no war. There would be no reprisals. Japan would probably pay indemnities to survivors of the dead, to the wounded crew and passengers, and to the U. S. treasury for another gunboat.

A Brake On Japan
Taken in the particular instance, the death of a sailor is a sorrowful affair. But in the determination of military and diplomatic affairs sailors are expendable in accomplishing a purpose.

The government didn't shove the Panay up into the war zone with the specific purpose of creating an incident. Nevertheless, as an incident the bombing that resulted has certain diplomatic values to the United States—and to England.

For six years the Japanese military has been riding high, wide and handsome on the international highways, apologizing here and there without giving any protesting power a real handle-hold for a jolting protest. But up bobs the Panay incident. The Japanese are dead in the wrong, admittedly without an excuse of military necessity.

A new and emphatically sour note is injected into their melody of international conquest. The nonchalance evident in Japanese handling of previous lesser incidents was lacking in the note of apology for the Panay sinking.

Probably it won't stop the Japanese march up the Yangtze, but it will give the United States and England a new basis for insisting upon a clarification of the real purpose of the conquest.

Letters to the Editor
Some time ago we digested a tabulation of the state department which showed that it cost about 50 cents in overhead and publicity for every dollar of relief and assistance money sent to help various factions in Spain.

Two organizations protested that they had much better records than the average, so we present them. The North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy spent \$34,188 for administration and publicity while sending \$53,304 to Spain. However, the organization states it has sent \$205,880 in contributions in kind (goods) to Spain.

The Medical Bureau to Aid Spanish Democracy, in turn, has spent \$24,809 in sending \$103,176 to Spain, with an additional \$21,249 in kind.

Mystery of 1937
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again blurred and unreadable.

Find a Ransom Note
The year closes in the same utter silence regarding the fate of Mrs. Alice McDowell Parsons, 38. On the morning of June 9, she drove her husband from their Long Island home to catch the train to New York. He never saw her again.

According to the housekeeper, a Mrs. Anna Kuryanova, Mrs. Parsons returned home, and shortly afterward left the house with a strange couple to show them a house that was for sale. When Parsons returned home that night and found that his wife had been absent all day, he called police. They found in the back seat of the Parsons car, parked in the driveway, a note demanding \$25,000 ransom.

But once again the curtain closed down, and whether Mrs. Parsons is dead or alive, and where, the record of 1937 will not disclose.

The "Red Circle" Murders
No less smudged and unreadable is the page that tells the story of the "Circle murders." With a small red circle drawn on the forehead of each with the girl's own lipstick, the bodies of Lewis Weiss and Frances Hajek were found in a wood near Queens, N. Y.

Both had been shot and stabbed to death. Perhaps it was a rejected suitor of Miss Hajek, police speculated, as the youth had been merely shot twice, while Miss Hajek had not only been shot twice, but savagely stabbed seven times with a stiletto or ice-pick.

Both victims were of irreproachable character, adding to the mystery. But long-continued investigation dragged out without result. Not even a workable clew was ever found.

The book is closing. But its smudged record conceals rather than reveals the solution of these mysteries of 1937.

"Stella Dallas" at Saenger



Alan Hale and Barbara Stanwyck in "Stella Dallas"—A Samuel Goldwyn production. Released by United Artists.

The production of "Stella Dallas," with Barbara Stanwyck in the title role, the next attraction at the Saenger theater, beginning Sunday, is a tense drama of a mother who sacrifices her own right to happiness for the sake of her daughter. It gives Miss Stanwyck the strongest role in her entire career and one which was coveted by every leading actress in Hollywood.

MIND Your MANNERS

Test your knowledge of correct social usage by answering the following questions, then checking against the authoritative answers below:

1. Is it good manners to make your possessions a topic of conversation?
2. What is the meaning of "Hors d'oeuvres"?
3. Is the person who butters a whole hot biscuit instead of one bite at a time breaking a rule of etiquette?
4. Should more than one kind of food be taken on the fork at one time?
5. Is it good manners to eat a meal in silence when you are with others?

What would you do if—
You become indebted socially to someone you dislike.
(a) Pay off the obligation?
(b) Ignore the obligation?
(c) Be so cool to him that he will realize how you feel?

Answers
1. No.
2. Relishes served at the beginning of a meal.
3. No.
4. No.
5. No.
Best "What Would You Do," solution—(a)

Union Aids Bosses With Sales Campaign

SAN JOSE, Calif. — (P) — Californians accustomed to long bickering between employer and employee took some cheer from a gesture of the Dried Fruit and Nut Packers' union.

The union men got together to assist the growers in a sales campaign to dispose of this season's huge prune crop. A large advertisement urging all friends of labor to do the boss a good turn and buy a crate of prunes was published in the newspapers.

Columbus PTA Meet to Be Held This Tuesday

The Columbus PTA will hold its monthly meeting Tuesday night, December 21 at 7 o'clock, instead of the following Thursday, as the Christmas holidays begin Wednesday, December 22.

An extended membership drive headed by Mr. Young is being launched throughout the entire school district, and a much larger enrollment is expected at this meeting.

The room having the greatest number of parents present will be given a wall picture. The ninth and tenth grades received the picture in November.

The PTA will meet in the Baptist church this month.

The following program will be presented:
Devotional, Mrs. R. C. Reed.
Keeping the Meaning of Christmas, Mrs. L. K. Boyce.

Merry Christmas, Primary pupils.
Writing a Letter to Santa Claus—Tommy Hicks.

Aunt Jane's Christmas Box, Fifth and Sixth grades.
Christmas Bells—Third and Fourth grades.
Pantomime of Silent Night, Eighth grades.
Reading, Evelyn Hamilton.
Christmas Story and Song, High School students.

County to Build Homes for Families on Relief

BAKERSFIELD, Calif. — (P) — Kern county plans to build its own houses for families on relief.

Supervisor J. A. Hinman said as much as \$180 a year rental was being paid for shacks that could be duplicated for \$150. In the long run, the county expects to make money on its new houses.

It would have been enormously useful to us, and the sooner it is revived under auspicious congenial to American labor the better.—George Bernard Shaw, commenting on the Duke of Windsor's canceled tour of America.

Dolores Costello Returns to Screen

Shares Honors With Barrymore, Bartholomew in New Film

Dolores Costello Barrymore makes her return to the screen after four years' absence, sharing stellar honors with Freddie Bartholomew in Selznick International's "Little Lord Fauntleroy," which begins a two day engagement at the New theater Thursday.

The star, who has added her recently divorced husband's name to her own, plays "Dearest," the beautiful and adored young mother of Ceddie Errol, the little American boy who becomes Lord Fauntleroy. In this filmization of the world famous Frances Hodgson Burnett story which marks the first independent production of David O. Selznick. Freddie, of course, plays the title role.

The familiar story, which Hugh Walpole, distinguished novelist, adapted to the screen, is laid in the America and England of 1885 and depicts the softening influence of Fauntleroy's devotion upon his irascible old grandfather, the Earl of Dorincourt.

When the death of the Earl's third son makes Ceddie his heir, the Earl takes the boy into Dorincourt Castle, but refuses to recognize "Dearest," the penniless American girl whom his son had married against his wishes.

However, just when the transformation of the old Earl is complete, his new-found happiness is threatened by the appearance of a woman who claims that her son, an unpleasant brat, is the rightful heir.

This situation has the effect of bringing the old Earl and "Dearest" together, and the story ends happily with Ceddie's right to the title of "Little Lord Fauntleroy" definitely established.

C. Aubrey Smith plays the Earl, Guy Kibbee and Mickey Rooney, are seen as Ceddie's American friends, Mr. Hobbs and Dick, the bootblack, and Henry Stephenson plays Havisham, the Earl's lawyer. Others prominent in the cast are E. E. Clive, Una O'Connor, Jackie Searl, Ivan Simpson, Jessie Ralph and Constance Collier.

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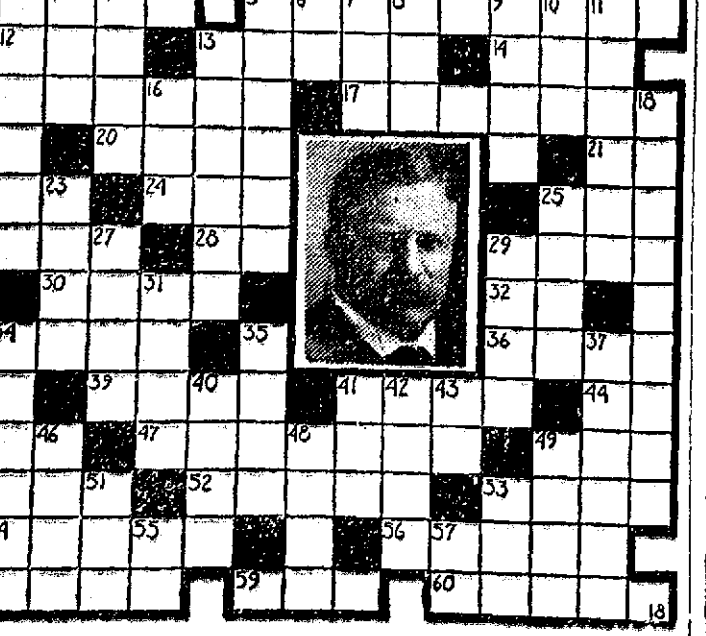
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 14 Farewell!
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 19 Transpose.
 20 To lay a street.
 21 Musical note.
 22 To chop.
 24 Brooch.
 25 Writing tool.
 26 To guide.
 28 Street.
 29 Vulgar fellows 52 He served as
 30 Prevalent.
 32 Measure of area.
 33 Candle.
 36 Most beneficent.
 38 Structural unit.
 39 Mulberry bark.
 41 Indians.

Answer to Previous Puzzle

GEORGE SAND
 RARE SILVER
 GATE COR U SAND
 LILL APERTURES
 NEE AREA T ME
 S S IN AIES A A A
 POUR BIDE OTIC
 TIRE TAD PAL EM
 RA SENSATION PM
 E ACNE L SCAN E
 DOLOR HIP AVIAN
 ALOE EER LASSI
 FRENCH NOVELIST

9 Weathercock.
 10 Night before.
 11 Ogled.
 13 To correct proof.
 15 He was fond of.
 16 Knock.
 18 Any feeling.
 23 To twist out of shape.
 25 To peel.
 27 To eat sparingly.
 29 Taxicabs.
 31 To draw tightly together.
 34 To cleave.
 35 Wise men.
 37 Elf.
 40 Saucy.
 41 To consume.
 42 Grass.
 43 Electrical unit.
 46 Small wild ox.
 48 Entrance.
 49 Time gone by.
 51 Membranous bag.
 53 Brother.
 55 Southeast.
 57 Provided.

awarded the Nobel prize.
 59 Eye tumor.
 60 Destined.
VERTICAL
 2 Freedom of access.
 3 Period.
 4 To leak.
 5 To feel displeasure.
 6 Alleged force.
 7 Lubricant.
 8 Monkey.



STORIES IN STAMPS

CROWNING 9 WAGNERS LIFE WORK



LEGEND, as the true subject matter for the lyric drama had long interested Richard Wagner. While still at work on Lohengrin, he delved more and more into German, Scandinavian and Icelandic mythology. And eventually he chose a character for a new opera.

This was the mythical Siegfried, Volsung hero. Wagner started, in November, 1848, with a poem depicting Siegfried's death, but found that he scarcely had touched his engrossing subject.

So the great composer turned his hand to a prefatory opera. He reversed his treatment of Siegfried by writing "Der junge Siegfried" (Young Siegfried). By this time the idea had developed so richly that Wagner wrote still another preface, "Die Walkure" (The Valkyrie) and that in turn he prefaced with "Das Rheingold" (The Rhinegold). Eventually he shortened his first title to "Siegfried" and added a fourth and final member, "Gotterdammerung" (Dusk of the Gods).

With completion of the four poems, there was still the music to do. This Wagner composed at varying intervals up to November, 1874. Two years later, in Aug. 1876, the entire tetralogy, now named "Der Ring des Nibelungen," was produced in a specially constructed theater at Bayreuth. It proved the crowning achievement of Wagner's brilliant career.

Siegfried, after slaying the dragon, is portrayed on the Nibelungen issue of Austrian stamps of 1926.

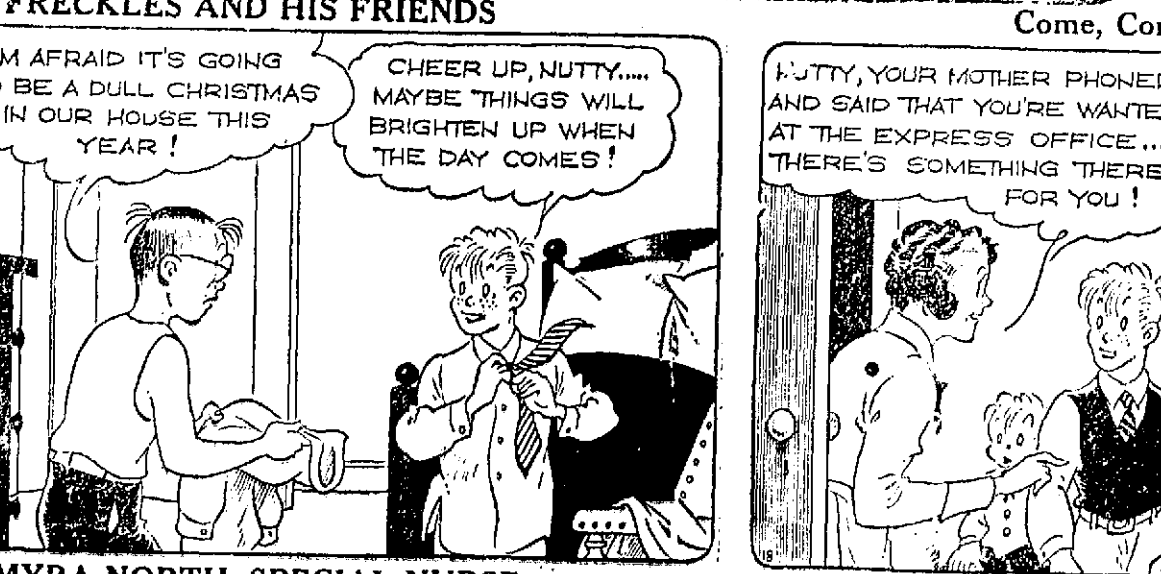
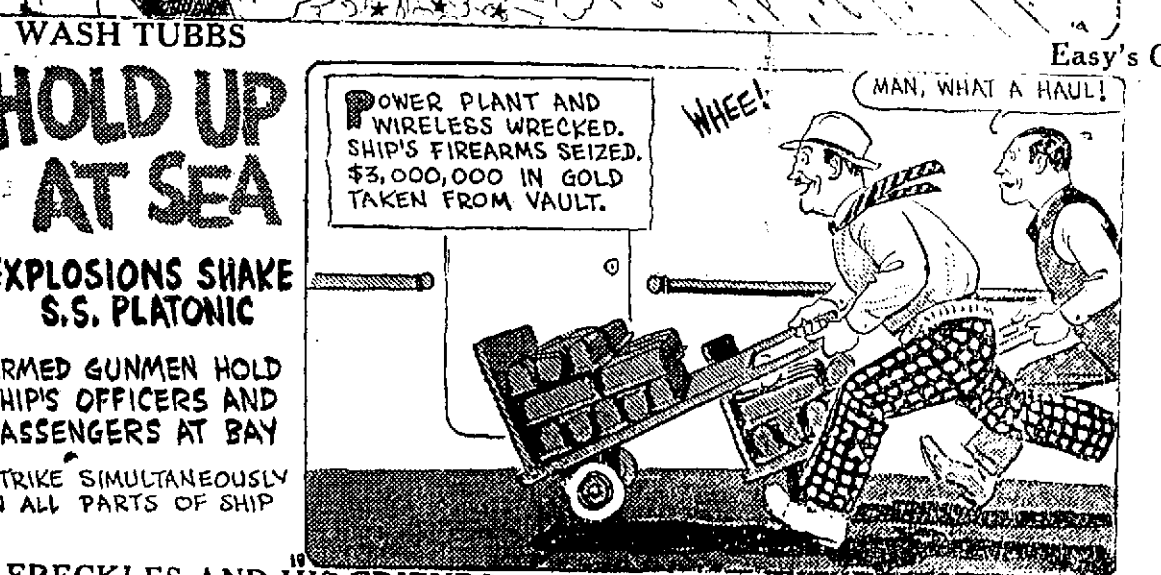
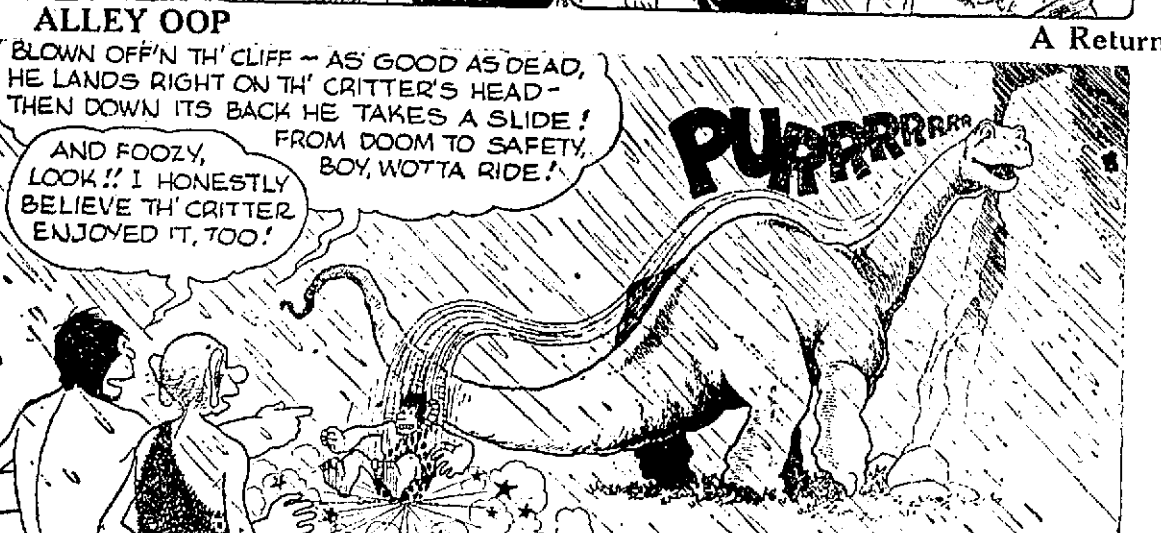
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Today's Answers to CRANIUM CRACKERS

Questions on Page One

1. The Brooklyn Bridge spans the East river in New York.
 2. "Pidgin English" is a jargon English traders used in dealing with Chinese.
 3. "Cracker," Georgia; "Hoosier," Indiana; "Show Me," Missouri; "Bonanza," Montana; "Sooner," Oklahoma, and "Old Dominion," Virginia.
 4. A tetrahedron is a solid figure bounded by four triangles.
 5. Yes, Isaiah Sellers, noted Mississippi river pilot, contributed articles to New Orleans newspapers under the pseudonym, "Mark Twain." The name also was adopted by the more famous Samuel L. Clemens.

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